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PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(MBHB Case No. 01-1699)**

In re Application of:)
Sickinger et al.) Group Art Unit: 1743
Serial No.: 09/992,304)
Examiner: Brian R. Gordon
Filed: November 19, 2001)
Confirmation No.: 7357
For: Method and Device for Separating)
Samples from a Liquid)

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 10, 2004

Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed June 10, 2004, Applicants request reconsideration of their Application in light of the following Amendments and Remarks.